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Amendments to the Specification

(1) Please replace the third paragraph [0007] from the top of page 3, beginning with "The roll-up truck cover" and ending on page 4, with the following amended paragraph:

[0007] The roll-up truck cover assembly of the invention further includes a pair of elongated swinging arms one of each of which is positioned adjacent to one of the opposite side walls of the truck body. The swinging arms each comprise first and second elongated members at least one of which is tubular and the other of which is telescopically and retractably mounted within the tubular member such that the length of each arm is variable and can be changed by sliding one member into or out of the other member. The first elongated member of each swinging arm is rotatably connected to the take-up roll including the top cover while the second elongated member is pivotally mounted to a lower end portion of an opposite side wall of the truck body.

(2) Please replace the second to last paragraph [0017] on page 5, beginning with "Figure 8 is", with the following amended paragraph:

[0017] Figure 8 is an elevational view of the rear of the truck body shown in ~~Figure~~ Figures 1 and 2;

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(3) Please replace the last paragraph [0026] on page 7, beginning with "The cover assembly" and ending on page 8, with the following amended paragraph:

[0026] The cover assembly also includes a take-up roll 32 to which the opposite or rear end portion of the flexible cover 30 is attached. The take-up roll 32 includes biasing means tending to rotate the roll in a direction effecting a take-up operation on the cover 30. The specific construction of the take-up roll may vary, but preferably, it is essentially the same type as disclosed in the above referred to US Patent No. 4,050,734 and shown in Figure 3. As shown, the cover 30 is bolted to an outer tubular portion of the take-up roll 32 whose width is substantially the same or slightly larger than the width of the truck body 10. ~~A~~ An elongated shaft 33 extends through the tubular take-up roll and passes through openings in a pair of hubs 34, 36, one at each end of the take-up roll 32. The biasing means may take the form of a coil spring 37 which is operatively associated with the shaft 33 mounted in the take-up roll 32. The arrangement is such as to cause the take up roll 32 to rotate in a counterclockwise direction which causes the cover 30 to assume a roll-up or take-up position on the roll. Thus, the cover 30 is at all times maintained and extended in a somewhat taut or

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slightly tensioned condition as the take-up roll 32 moves in an arch-like path forwardly and/or rearwardly, traversing the length of the truck body 10. The take-up roll 32 works, for example, in the same manner as a window shade. The shade rolls as it travels up and down the window.

(4) Please replace the second to last paragraph [0029] on page 9, beginning with "In a preferred embodiment", with the following amended paragraph:

[0029] In a preferred embodiment of the invention as best shown in Figure 4, the arrangement of the swinging side arms 40, 42 is chosen such that the first or upper member 44 is a smaller diameter rod or tube and is telescopically and retractably mounted within the larger diameter tubular second or lower member 46. The second or lower tubular member 46 is rotatably mounted at its lower end to one of the mounting brackets 38 on each side of the truck body 10 (see Figures 1, 2 and 7). The upper end of the first or upper member 44 is rotatably mounted to one of the hubs 34, 36 at opposite ends of the shaft 33 passing through the take-up roll 32 as best shown in ~~Figure~~ Figures 3 and 8.

(5) Please replace the paragraph [0039] starting on page 13, beginning with "Although the arrangement" and ending on

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page 14, with the following amended paragraph:

[0039] Although the arrangement of the elongated swinging arms 40, 42 described herein above is preferred in the practice of the invention, it is possible of course to reverse the arrangement and employ a first or upper tubular telescoping member 76 which is larger in diameter and which retracts over a second or lower smaller diameter member 78 as illustrated in the embodiment of the invention shown in Figure 11. The first or larger diameter member 76 may be a hollow tube and the lower or smaller diameter member 78 may be a tube or solid rod , for example. A spring 80 or other compression member is mounted inside the first or upper member 76 and serves to urge or bias the upper member 76 in a direction opposite to or upward away from the second or lower member 78. The construction and operation of the truck cover assembly is otherwise basically the same as described herein above except that the lower end of the smaller diameter member 78 is now attached to one of the two brackets 38 mounted to each side of the truck body 10 and the upper end of the larger diameter member 76 is attached to one of the hubs 34, 36 at each end of the take-up roll 32. Of course, in this embodiment, the roller 52 which travels across the guide ~~tract~~ track 54 during operation of the cover assembly, must now

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be mounted externally to the upper larger diameter member 76, along with its axle or shaft 56. As shown in Figure 11, the roller 52 is attached to the larger diameter upper member 76 using the same bracket 60 and U-bolts 62, 64 as shown in the assembly of Figure 5.

(6) Please replace the paragraph [0041] on page 15, beginning with "Another", with the following amended paragraph:

[0041] Another modification which is useful in those situations where it may be desirable to employ the roll-up cover assembly without the reduced height feature or when it is necessary to replace the roller 52, for example, is shown in Figures 13 and 14. In this modification, the roller 52 is mounted to the shaft 56 using one of a pair of washers 84, 85, one on each side of the roller, and cotter pins 86, 87 passing through holes 88, 89, ~~secure~~ securing the washers in place on the shaft. The shaft 56 in this case extends through the first or upper telescoping member 44 and is formed with a flanged opposite end as at 90 which sets or positions the roller 52 in place inside the guide track 54 (not shown in Figure 13). The shaft 56 is secured in this position by another washer 91 and cotter pin 92 passing through a hole 93 in the shaft next to the upper member 44.

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Amendments to the Drawing

This amendment of the drawings is being submitted in compliance with the Examiner's Amendment dated April 30, 2004.

Please replace the original fifteen (15) sheets of drawings containing Figures 1-16 (including Figures 10a and 10b) with the attached new fourteen (14) sheets of drawings containing the same numbered Figures 1-16 (including Figures 10a and 10b). The sheet containing Figure 3 now also includes Figure 9, eliminating one of the original sheets of drawing.

Attachment: Fourteen Replacement Sheets
Annotated Sheets Showing Changes